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From June 1976 NBC NIGHTLY NEWS Reports from the 1976 Presidential Campaign.

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three more presidential primaries today in rhode island montana and south dakota for a total of 39 republican delegates and 59 democratic delegates which is a tally overshadowed by next week's big three primaries in california new jersey and ohio those contests provide 540 democratic and 331 republican delegates the biggest score of all that was on the minds of the candidates today for example congressman mo udall charles quinn has that story you'd all turn to voters in ohio today confident he will win his first primary tonight in south dakota he had made a major effort in south dakota because he felt a victory there would give him a big psychological push into ohio but ohio is a steep uphill fight for udall his chances here have been hurt by the entry of the new liberal challenger frank church still udall admits carter is the main enemy i've been trying to stop carter been trying to stop birch bar and hubert humphrey and frank church and jerry brown i got a gomo program here i'm not trying to stop anybody so i'm here to win an election and the voters of ohio are the people going to stop carter and not me or anybody else the voters have the power to stop him here udall will go for broke in ohio largely ignoring new jersey and california he plans to campaign here every day until next tuesday's primary his final showdown with carter charles quinn nbc news cleveland no matter what happens in today's three primaries the ranking of the candidates will be unchanged but next tuesday could put either gerald ford or ronald reagan in the lead for republican delegates today the president announced that he will campaign this weekend in new jersey and in ohio he will not return to california but the white house said today the president feels he is closing the gap in california tom pettit of our staff has spent the last few weeks looking into the background of jimmy carter who is leading in delegates now for the democratic presidential

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for the democratic presidential nomination last night we learned about carter's school and navy records and about his work habits tonight pettit goes on into some of the elements of carter's personal style and appearance to understand jimmy carter you have to realize he is a man obsessed with improving himself that emerges from talking with people who know him the man who helped him improve his television style his closest friend his reading teacher his dentist his barber and the man himself who buys suits off the rack size 39 regular but always tries to get them wholesale and tries not to spend more than a hundred dollars a suit his friends think he's a tight wide but if you ask his brother billy well he's not quite sure now i don't think so really he's not really a tight woman he's close but he's not what you call a real tight one in any event he squanders nine dollars for a haircut from stylist betty swims a former playboy bunny a few years ago she changed him from the wet head to the dry look what i wanted to do is to make him look as good as i thought he could look i think i had pretty good taste in men and uh i think he looks as good as he can look i really do i don't think i want his hair to get any longer because then i think you'd be out of balance and i think it'd be out of control context for the man he is the kind of person he is and what he wants and what i think looks good

carter wondered if his new haircut made him look like a [__] but his friends who said it made him look younger prevailed credit also worked hard to improve his appearance on tv he took lessons from dr vance taylor of atlanta we worked on the visual aspects

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we worked on the visual aspects of posture energy face we worked on short statement of position rather than two or three paragraphs a sentence or two we worked on shorter sentences as i recall so that we gain force we gain directness we great gain gain attention a few years ago taylor helped carter prepare for meet the press when taylor failed to watch the program that was the end of taylor charlie kerbo the most influential of carter's friends told me of carter's desire to improve himself i think he's trying to improve his talents and to use them and multiply them which i think is is uh consistent with certainly his religion like john kennedy jimmy carter took lessons in speed reading mrs jack finkley was his teacher in 1962 he was reading 500 words a minute which is twice as fast as the normal adult reads with 90-100 comprehension five weeks later he was reading 1850 and 2000 words a minute still with 90 to 100 comprehension and i couldn't check anyhow than that there's one thing he has not tried to improve all those teeth are his very own governor carter has no cavities and he has no cat teeth has a very good smile yeah he takes very good care of his teeth all my patients would take as good a care of his teeth they'd probably have his excellent teeth as he does for the record it should be noted that carter uses crest toothpaste but behind the smile is a man who feels the burden of being a southerner who is a unique combination of religious zeal political ambition and confidence in his own destiny as charlie curbow said jimmy carter hates to lose

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hates to lose his temper may be concealed but not his ambition to improve himself all the way to the white house tom petted nbc news in plains georgia and the political year goes on at madison square garden last night the ringling brothers circus was ending an engagement and as the last of the acrobats performed the garden was preparing for another kind of circus [Music] the departure of the elephants was symbolic to say the least as they waddled away this morning because these elephants will soon be replaced by thousands of democrats for the first time since 1924 the democrats will hold a national convention in new york city at madison square garden the carpenters and phone installers were busy this morning fixing up the interior of the garden for the convention in a little less than a month and a half this hall will be ringing with rhetoric when the democrats last met in new york it took them 103 ballots to pick a man and he lost in november that's it for this evening remember today's three presidential primaries will have special reports during the evening on the outcome of those contests so for now good night for nbc news at the white house today president ford spent an hour and a half talking with his advisers about school busing the administration is preparing legislation which if passed would block federal courts from making court orders affecting whole school districts and desegregation cases john cochran of our staff has been told that one possibility is that the president may seek legislation which would roll back busing orders already on the books no one is sure whether that would be constitutional and the president's challenger ronald reagan had something to say today about bussing kenley jones has that story one of reagan's favorite campaign lines is that

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reagan's favorite campaign lines is that federal aid to education has turned into federal interference with schools in a speech today before the sacramento press club reagan expanded on that he said if he is elected president he will issue strict instructions to federal departments to get off the back as he put it of state and local school systems but his strongest criticism was of court ordered busing now this forced busing has caused friction conflict and violence in many schools and cities throughout the country and in the process it has adversely affected the education of thousands of children there's no evidence to suggest that it has improved education for any child black or white as president i would oppose to congress or propose to congress legislation in keeping with the 14th amendment that would eliminate forced busing should that prove inadequate then i would propose a constitutional amendment reagan has said that before but was

anxious to say it again now he has accused president ford of playing politics with busing recently by ordering a search for alternative methods of school integration reagan's speech today also serves a political purpose by reminding voters that in making forced busing a campaign issue reagan got there first kenley jones nbc news with the reagan campaign in sacramento california california in yesterday's primaries jimmy carter won the south dakota primary disappointing mo udall who didn't come in first again frank church won the montana primary his fourth victory in four attempts jerry brown won a sort of victory in rhode island he had asked for a large uncommitted vote and the uncommitted vote came in first gerald ford was a runaway winner in rhode island while ronald reagan won in montana and south dakota as expected and here's where we stand on delegates among the democratic delegates we find that carter now has 876 udall 288 church has 63 jerry brown 35 those are the active

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jerry brown 35 those are the active candidates and there are 414 uncommitted delegates and on the republican side we find that gerald ford has 803 delegates now reagan with 645 with 156 uncommitted republican delegates today's primaries are over and two of the democratic candidates were in ohio today looking for votes in next week's primaries we had frank church hinting that mo udall ought to get out of the race since udall has never finished first anywhere and we'll find mo udall being stubborn here are reports from charles quinn with udall and bob jameson with church despite his loss in rhode island church today was touting himself as the only alternative left in ohio to jimmy carter church stressed morris udall's loss in south dakota he all but called udall a loser and implied he withdraw from the ohio race he's often said that he had to win again and again he has predicted that he would win he hasn't won if i had run in a series of primaries and lost them all i would recognize that the convention would not turn to me and make me the candidate against the front runner church rejects the notion that the competition between him and udall in ohio will make carter a sure winner here but church is counting on a late surge to be successful in ohio and that may be very difficult if he and udall are arguing over who is the better alternative to carter bob jameson nbc news columbus ohio morris udall was out early this morning working a plan in columbus ohio he had counted heavily on a win in south dakota to help his already slim chances here instead it was his seventh second place finish in a row he was tired depressed by the loss although he hit it well later he was told church was hitting he should drop out i beat carter about as many times as he has i beat carter in in massachusetts i beat carter in new york and i got more delegates

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york and i got more delegates you know he can win a few western states uh and uh get a few delegates i beat carter in new york and got more delegates in one afternoon than he's collected in in all the primaries he's been in so i'm going to get in a call with frank church he's given me a lot of advice and i'll take it about as much as he takes the advice i've been giving him so let's get on with the election until today udall had been predicting he'd win in ohio today he amended that telling reporters merely that he had a chance for an upset which in the wake of south dakota is an accurate assessment of the situation here charles quinn nbc news cleveland jimmy carter has been saying for some time now that he would get the democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot no ifs ands or buts but today at a los angeles press conference carter backtracked a little bit he put it this way he said i'm still confident we can win on the first ballot but i might say i feel more confident of winning a second ballot victory once more ronald reagan has got himself embroiled in just what he meant by something he said this time it's rhodesia and the possibility of american troops being sent there to prevent bloodshed between the whites who rule that country and the blacks who are a majority and who want political power reagan first talked about that yesterday and today in san francisco he tried to explain what he had in mind kenley jones has the story reagan said the headlines this morning treated him unfairly by making him seem war-like he told a group of supporters in san francisco that his willingness to commit a token force of u.s. troops in rhodesia to keep the peace had been misinterpreted at a news conference today reagan said he should not have answered a hypothetical question yesterday

about what would happen if the token force could not keep the peace reagan had said more troops might have to be sent i'm not proposing combat and i'm not proposing anything of that kind i am proposing that the united states use its good

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that the united states use its good position to try and help two countries or to factions within a country resolve a problem in their internal affairs not by imposing on them but by offering our help to see that this can be done in an orderly in a peaceful manner but reagan still left unanswered how the united states could guarantee the peace in rhodesia without troops to back it up this is the third time in less than three weeks that reagan has said one thing and then has come back less than 24 hours later to explain that was not what he meant to say first he said he would consider selling the tva to private industry and said that really isn't feasible now next he called for an end to governmental controls over agriculture and amended that by saying it would be impractical to do away with acreage allotments and price supports at this time and now he has made an attempt to clarify his position on involving u.s troops in another foreign war kenley jones nbc news with the reagan campaign in san francisco president ford met with reporters today to talk about revenue sharing but he was quick to respond to questions about reagan rhodesia and the possibility of american troops being sent there john cochran was one of those reporters then ford told reporters he strongly disagrees with reagan if reagan really intends to send troops to rhodesia mr ford said his own administration is guaranteeing the protection of whites in southern africa but is doing i believe action that i took to send the secretary of state to southern africa to settle those problems by negotiation is the responsible thing to do and that's why i did it and any indication that a president might send troops to southern africa american troops i think is irresponsible the president's words were mild compared to those of his political allies who were quick to exploit reagan's original remarks even while reagan was trying to backtrack away from them

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backtrack away from them michigan governor william milliken called reagan trigger happy vice president rockefeller said americans are in no mood for another vietnam ford political strategist stu spencer said reagan has stumbled once again just as he did before the tennessee primary when he expressed doubts about the tva spencer said this rhodesian thing will be 20 times worse for reagan than the tva was john cochran nbc news the white house on the democratic side jimmy carter campaigning in ohio said that if the democratic party tries to promise everything in its party platform carter said it will be lying to the people over and over in a series of campaign stops in ohio carter warned the democrats not to make platform promises they can't keep senator frank church came down with a strep throat and an ear infection in los angeles yesterday that will end personal campaigning for him in california the senator is still in bed he's feeling better tomorrow instead of doing more campaigning in california he will move on directly to the ohio campaign hubert humphrey announced with tears in his eyes a few weeks ago that he would make no active move for the presidential nomination today dry eyed he was saying that he may make a move if jimmy carter doesn't get enough delegates to lock up the nomination on the first ballot humphrey was in minneapolis today and here's some of what he said following these primaries i shall assess what the situation is i don't know what that assessment will give i don't know what it will lend itself to but i will assess the situation and make a decision as to whether or not i would actively seek the nomination or whether i would passively supply and see just what happens my best thinking is the convention as of today is an open convention uh but the uh there's three super bowl games taking place on the same day and uh if uh we'll have to await the results and see in order to find out

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results and see in order to find out what's going to happen jimmy carter's reaction to this was studied unconcerned he said of humphrey i don't see where he's going to jump carter was campaigning in ohio today senator humphrey has a right to his own opinion he has as you know uh contemplated entering the election constantly ever since the last uh year and a half when i've been a candidate clever has gotten quite

accustomed to answering questions about hubert humphrey today he was chased through ohio by interviewers who wanted to know what carter thought of humphrey's latest utterance i think that my campaign would survive carter said his campaign strategy has not been affected by humphrey to another interviewer carter said his chances of victory will not be hurt but how by voters in the next primaries receive humphrey's latest pronouncement i think it'll be a very minor factor in this primaries next tuesday it's been such a routine thing for the last uh year and a half uh senator hunter's statements that he would be available uh that i don't think it's a new factor i don't think it'll have much impact on the consciousness of the american voters in the last primary states while professing no concern carter has cancelled any more campaigning in california and will concentrate in new jersey where many uncommitted delegates support humphrey carter says he would support humphrey of humphrey with the nominee but carter also says that the selection of humphrey would be divisive would be an obstacle to overcome and would hurt the ticket in november john oliver nbc news columbus ohio in california today the highly respected field public opinion poll gave out some figures on what may happen in next tuesday's california primary the poll shows california governor jerry brown with a 51-20 lead over jimmy carter and it showed president ford 24 points

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and it showed president ford 24 points behind former california governor ronald reagan ford said today of california we're the underdog we recognize it our white house correspondent tom brokaw has been observing the republican campaign in california and here's his report since president ford is in trouble in california his strategist here are desperately trying to put together a last-minute radio advertising campaign to take advantage of the confusion over ronald reagan's position on american troops for rhodesia for instance vice president rockefeller's reaction will become a commercial well very frankly uh it seemed to me that now mr reagan has extended his war from the jungles of panama to the african highlands of rhodesia and and frankly uh i have to say that i don't think americans are in any mood for another vietnam at midday today four campaign officials met at a los angeles advertising agency to work up more attacks on the rhodesian question they hope all of this will have a greater impact than the president's other advertising including a series of new television commercials with actors playing the parts of earnest construction workers he's all right a president he's a lot better than that eddie you recall when he took over a lot of us were out of work what a bad recession that ford comes in and now we're back at work other spokesman for the president in california are not actors they're members of his cabinet who have managed to mix official business and campaigning commerce secretary elliot richardson agriculture secretary earl butts interior secretary thomas clippy transportation secretary william coleman are just a few of the senior administration officials in california this week there's a lot of brave talk from the president's california committee that all of this plus volunteers working phone banks will make the difference on tuesday despite what the polls say

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despite what the polls say we not only haven't written it off but i personally honestly and sincerely believe that the game is still in the deck that there are large numbers of undecided and if the predictions of a 75 vote turn out to write president ford's going to win in california but even with that kind of optimism it will take a major upset for president ford to beat his more familiar opponent in this state and in california's winner-take-all republican primary second place doesn't count reported tonight by john chancellor and david brinkley from the nbc news center in los angeles good evening president ford and ronald reagan were battling down to the wire today as voters in california ohio and new jersey prepared to cast ballots in the last primaries of the year and a bitter republican dispute erupted last week reagan seemed to be saying that he would entertain the idea of american troops being sent to rhodesia in southern africa as part of a un peacekeeping force now reagan says he would not send american troops but the ford campaign began running broadcast advertisements in california implying that reagan is a warmonger commercials say governor reagan couldn't start a war president reagan could reagan is outraged saying that calling him a saber rattler could bring about a republican defeat next fall of 1964 proportions when the republicans carried only six states david in tomorrow's democratic primary here in california the field poll shows governor brown running away with his own state and leading carter by about two to one but in ohio tomorrow carter finds the prospects far more

pleasing so much so that senator church and congressman udall have more or less conceded it to him the most udor would say was that he hoped to finish a strong second ohio could almost sew it up for carter if he does well there and wins some delegates in california and new jersey he will take so many delegates with him

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he will take so many delegates with him to madison square garden he'll be almost impossible to stop a report from don oliver it is ohio that is most important to jimmy carter tomorrow politicians expect him to win handsomely here if he doesn't it would indicate his glamour has faded making it easier for the convention to turn its back on him carter is confident that won't happen uh if i get come out of the 1200 delegates i've got a good chance i think to influence the other uncommitted delegates to vote for me and as you know i've got several uh very important commitments from delegations to support me on the second ballot if their law requires him to vote for someone else on the first ballot critics say carter is offering a misleadingly low figure that he should have 1300 delegates by wednesday or he will have fallen short of the total his advisers were planning on [Music] carter winds up tonight in new jersey he did not make a last swing through california his poll showed him it would do a little good but new jersey is still ready to toss up so even though tomorrow is election day carter will be out of the plant gate early in the morning trying to get a few more votes don oliver nbc news in cincinnati morris udall was campaigning today in his final presidential primary of the year hoping to turn a long string of second place finishes into a position of strength at the democratic convention charles quinn reports from cleveland mars udall sees ohio as the last chance to stop jimmy carter in toledo he predicted what he called a surprising victory tomorrow but later he told a reporter he's hoping for a strong second place finish and a lot of delegates due to all reasons he still has an outside chance for the nomination because every delegate he wins in ohio every delegate governor brown wins in california every delegate the uncommitted win in new jersey our delegates who would otherwise go to carter and they could be enough to deprive carter of a first ballot

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[Music] and now after seven straight second place finishes in the primaries udall still clings to the hope that one victory one big fourth quarter play as he calls it might win the ball game few political leaders and analysts believe he can pull it out charles quinn nbc news cleveland senator church of idaho started late but did surprisingly well at the beginning but now he's run into one misfortune after another and in ohio tomorrow the best he hoped for he said was to win a few delegates and apparently he'd hoped to finish the primaries looking good enough and strong enough that they might think about him for vice president here's bob jameson in cleveland frank church left a television station today without taping the program he had planned to air tonight simultaneously on the three networks the program was never taped because he couldn't buy the time to air it that's typical of what's happened to the church campaign in the past week a series of mistakes and mishaps that has left the candidate in a state of resigned despair and his campaign all but destroyed in the past week church came down with strep throat in california his campaign there was cancelled he did resume campaigning in ohio but then the teton dam broke saturday so church stopped his campaign and flew home to idaho plans to take the press along were scrapped when a runaway baggage truck smashed into his chartered airplane making it unable to fly despite the problems church campaigned on today so i hope that here in ohio you will give me your support reflecting the current feeling his talk away from the podium was mostly about the vice presidency and under what conditions he would accept that bob jameson nbc news columbus ohio

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columbus ohio in tomorrow's democratic primary in new jersey jimmy carter is expected to win the popular vote and if that happens his 18th primary but there's another contest in new jersey for delegates to the democratic convention and in that contest things are not secure for carter because of hubert humphrey in california's jerry brown rick davis of our staff was with brown when he began his last new jersey swing

governor brown stepped off the red eye special the overnight flank from los angeles he had slept in the aisle wrapped in blankets he moved right into a full day of campaigning with a prediction on how he would win the nomination i expect to get the nomination as the carter falls humphrey will then take a run at it and then when he falters then i'll move into position the crowd enthusiasm will be difficult to translate into votes in new jersey it is a confusing ballot and brown is urging voters to mark those ballots for the uncommitted delegates the loyalty of those delegates seems divided between brown and hubert humphrey the mayor of camden announced he is for brown new jersey is critical to brown's top carter campaign earlier carter was expected to do well here now with brown and humphrey calling for votes for uncommitted delegates the outcome is in doubt rick davis nbc news trenton new jersey here's how the delegate count stands tonight in both parties president ford leads the republicans with 799 by nbc news count and ronald reagan has 686 there are 160 uncommitted among the democrats carter is far ahead with 880. udall is a remote second with 289 jackson who's dropped out has 239 and wallace who is almost out 168 and 420 uncommitted of the new boys church has 64 brown 34 and hubert humphrey without entering a primary has 69. meanwhile the battle between

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has 69. meanwhile the battle between president ford and ronald reagan over what reagan did or did not say about sending troops to rhodesia is boiling we'll have more on that in a minute the republican contest between gerald ford and ronald reagan for the presidential nomination has reached the stage of very hard words ford um commercials in california implying that reagan is a warmonger reagan saying that it's a dishonest attack totally dishonest and that the president is taking the low road the president was in ohio today on the highway and john cochran reports for the first time in the campaign president ford thinks he has reagan on the defensive on a foreign policy issue southern africa not a single american boy is fighting and dying on foreign soil under this administration [Applause] the port administration is not going to send any troops to southern africa order rhodesia campaign rhetoric aside the president and reagan really do disagree on how to handle the rhodesian situation reagan says secretary kissinger should never have gone to africa and taken sides with blacks against whites reagan favors neutrality the president says it's traditional for the united states to support majority rule for all government reagan supporters concede their man can probably win no more than 12 of ohio's 97 delegates but the president thinks a dozen delegates could be important at the national convention so he was willing to travel 250 miles in a 10-hour motorcade trying to get them john cochran nbc news with the ford campaign in ohio reagan thought he was getting extremely shabby treatment that the president was

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shabby treatment that the president was taking the low road and the attack on him he said was totally dishonest he said he thought the republicans had learned that lesson in 1964 when barry goldwater depicted as a warmonger lost the election to lyndon johnson's promises of peace reagan said he was not a stable saber rattler and was not threatening to take the country into another war here's a report from kenley jones we'd like you to pay attention to the new president ford commercials if you get the chance to see if you don't agree that they reveal much more about president ford and his image makers than they do about ronald reagan the reagan campaign is broadcasting those radio commercials in california in response to the ford campaign's commercials which imply that reagan would start a war in rhodesia at a news conference in los angeles this morning reagan accused the president of approving what he called a totally dishonest attack but i have heard him now myself on television endorsing the ad and proclaiming his belief in it and i am deeply disappointed i think it is taking the low road i hope there wouldn't be anything like it is divisive at a time when our party needs unity and i thought we'd learned our lesson about that kind of politics during the news conference reagan at first refused to say he would support mr ford as the republican nominee then later said he probably would but that is an indication of how deep the feeling is running on this issue later reagan left los angeles for a final campaign trip to northern california his campaign organization has conducted a poll which shows that reagan's remarks on rhodesia have not hurt him here he is still expected to win in california but there is concern in the reagan camp as well that the controversy over the remarks and the dispute over

the commercials may divide the republicans even further than they are now and make it more difficult for the party to unite behind the candidate in november kenley jones nbc news with the reagan campaign in los angeles all of this could hurt the president with some ohio republicans

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with some ohio republicans nbc news has talked to some people who are running as ford delegates they say that unless that commercial against reagan is withdrawn they won't be able to support mr ford at the convention there is other non-political news today floyd calver will have that from new york in a minute in this country california is our biggest state elsewhere in the world it could easily stand as a country one of the larger ones and certainly one of the richest its state budget is bigger than most countries for a campaigning politician trying to make a mark in california it is so big the job is formidable and there's really only one way to do it as tom pettit now reports [Music] if california were an independent nation the national pastime would be politics and the state religion would be sports jerry brown would be king jimmy carter crown prince the old king of california now wants to take over the united states by badly beating the temporary american head of state the california nation is tied together by one common interest television this is the true battleground of politics in california where brown is favored to win the most democratic delegates tomorrow [Music] although carter still has a good chance to win quite a few delegates himself the democratic primary is not winner take all but the republican primary is winner take all or loser take nothing it's important to get on tv if you must

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it's important to get on tv if you must win big reagan has had two magic words to get on television panama canal panama canal they are fighting now he has a new one from rhodesia and doing so he was asked to explain his views on american mediation of troubles in rhodesia to have simply the show of strength a promise that we would or whether you would have to go in with occupation forces or not i don't know but i believe in the interest of peace and avoiding bloodshed and to achieve democratic majority rule which we all i think subscribe to i think it would be worth this if you've been waiting for this presidential by friday ford's hired political operatives had decided to take reagan's rhodesian comments as the basis for a shocking tv campaign when you vote tuesday remember governor reagan couldn't start a war president reagan could i have no intention of involving the united conflict or that st involve this country in conflict and i believe mr ford knows this governor reagan couldn't start a war president reagan could aren't you going to have to put ronald reagan ironically president ford was saying on cbs that ronald reagan would be okay as his vp i have said that i would not exclude any uh republican that i've looked at or we've heard about that might qualify as being a vice presidential candidate and that would include ronald reagan here's a president who sits on television today and says ronald reagan would be a good vice president and then at the same time he is running spots saying that ronald reagan could well get us into world war three so what's a voter to do if all he knows is what he sees on television that ronald reagan would be okay as vice president but a warmonger as president reality and illusion are difficult enough to distinguish here in california without television but television is the currency of political power in the legendary nation of california and if it can happen here it can happen in the united states tom pettitt nbc news los angeles

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tom pettitt nbc news los angeles finally editor there was another candidate campaigning in the california primary george wallace he doesn't have much of a chance here the latest california poll puts his support at three percent and he doesn't have too many followers for wallace yesterday appeared to be his last day ever on the campaign trail and our man frank burkholtzer was june 8th reported tonight by john chancellor and david brinkley from the nbc news center in los angeles good evening after 15 hectic weeks we have come to the end of the longest series of presidential primaries in history today in california ohio and new jersey primaries 28 29 and 30 were being held and they will produce the largest harvest of delegates of any primary day ever 34 percent of all the republican delegates 32 percent of all the democratic delegates will emerge from today's primaries and the biggest harvest will be here in the most populous state california the early

turnout of california voters was heavier than usual governor jerry brown voted he is favored to be the big popular winner in his home state but jimmy carter is expected to get a respectable share of the 280 california democratic delegates at stake today former governor ronald reagan voted he is expected to win all of the 166 republican delegates it is winner take all of the republican primary gerald ford was looking elsewhere for delegates in new jersey for example ford is expected to win the bulk of new jersey's 67 republican delegates since reagan has not made a serious effort there on the democratic side the new jersey contest is among slates of delegates supporting mo udall hubert humphrey and jerry brown and jimmy carter carter should do well today's third primary is in ohio david in the ohio primary one of the

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in the ohio primary one of the interesting features there is that representative wayne hayes who is now involved in a washington scandal is running for re nomination otherwise nbc news is taking a poll in ohio asking voters as they leave the booths how they voted and why the full details we will have later but the early results show carter running well ahead in the democratic primary and president ford in the republic carter campaigned right down to the last and then flew home to georgia a report now from atlanta and don oliver carter was still campaigning on the last primary election day in new jersey before the polls opened his has been the longest campaign ever for anyone seeking the presidential nomination when he announced in december of 1974 people said jimmy who they laughed but after new hampshire florida and pennsylvania he was jimmy front runner and no one laughed anymore with the primary campaign finally over carter flew to atlanta to await the returns and to meet with his campaign organization staff and volunteers who gathered on the lawn of his atlanta headquarters and father we put together and carried out the strongest and best campaign that's ever been conducted leading up to a democratic convention in the history of this country [Music] if we don't win it won't be your fault it'll be my fault but together i don't believe anybody can beat us carter's prediction remains that he'll pick up 200 delegates today which he says should be enough to ensure him the nomination don oliver nbc news atlanta of the other democrats congressman udall was hoping for but apparently not truly

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was hoping for but apparently not truly expecting to win in ohio his first primary victory he said if carter won there it probably would be impossible to stop him he got in one last lick however saying carter was two-faced senator church left the state hoping for a few delegates and perhaps a chance to run for vice president john ohio has been the scene of the most intense campaigning this week with udall and carter working the state vigorously and president ford making a marathon motorcade across ohio yesterday brian ross of our staff has been talking to some of today's voters in one of ohio's smaller towns and here is his report in worcester ohio people are serious about the fact their community has been designated all american residents here are proud of the high school marching band not ashamed to be patriotic and skeptical of politicians [Music] ohio has a lot of communities like worcester population nineteen thousand none of the five presidential candidates who campaigned in the state ever came to worcester but people like charles and wilton mcdaniel have followed the primary closely by watching cleveland television news programs the mcdaniels are democrats he works at a roller-bearing plant and belongs to a union but despite labor endorsements for udall he voted for carter i believe all the three candidates express yourself on labor and i believe all of them uh have a favorable report for labor there are a growing number of democrats in worcester but the town is primarily republican and conservative president ford was considered an easy winner in ohio today but not at pierce's sporting goods store owner huntley pierce voted for ronald reagan today a decision he reached only this weekend the biggest thing that convinced me to vote for ronald reagan was the fact that

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vote for ronald reagan was the fact that president ford came out here a few days ago and gunned him for probably wanting to start a war in africa i don't think that ronald reagan will start a war in africa and equip the president ford would the voting was reported heavier than usual at the polls in worcester today and whatever

other voters in ohio wanted the people of wooster seemed to be looking for candidates who were simple honest and conservative brian ross nbc news worcester ohio floyd caliber in new york will be along in a minute with the other news and then we'll be back with some further notes on the california political extravaganza [Music] with him [Music] the first time i came to sacramento i talked about the growing bureaucracy in the federal government and of course we have now the number one problem is the economy of our country sacramento airport bakersfield los angeles were the last three stops on the wallace campaign and his final message everybody's beginning to sound like george wallace but i've come a long way from the time when everything that i used to say in california and other states was termed as ultra radical and racist and that of a bigoted candidate now all the other candidates are standing almost identically the same way there were just a few newsmen and even fewer wallace supporters for these last appearances and they were the last i'm trying to say though you ask is the last one for me but it's also for the last for a great number of others too uh if i'm not the nominee this time yes i can assure you it'll probably be the last time i'll be involved in presidential politics as a candidate after that there was nothing left to say except goodbye

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frank bergholzer nbc news los angeles and with that wallace flew home to alabama he has by our account count 168 delegates gathered in this year's primaries which will give him a voice of some kind at the nominating convention but it looks as though george wallace's campaigning days are over david tom pettit is reported tonight by john chancellor and david brinkley from california [Music] good evening it looks tonight as though james earl carter of plains georgia jimmy carter will be the presidential nominee of the democratic party there were series of swift developments today only hours after jimmy carter won 218 delegates in yesterday's primaries george wallace endorsed carter and urged his 168 delegates to vote for carter mayor richard daley of chicago endorsed him senator adlai stevenson of illinois released his 86 favorite son delegate saying he could support carter carter said senator scoop jackson was backing him jackson did not deny that and at the end of this dizzying day hubert humphrey declared himself out of it and said carter is virtually certain of the nomination don oliver was with carter while much of this was happening when did jimmy carter began to think he had it made was it yesterday afternoon while he was getting his haircut probably not the polls had not closed at that time he was still waiting for results when he took his eight-year-old daughter to an amusement arcade in atlanta [Music] by early evening while he was watching tv in his hotel suite carter knew that things were going his way his advisers told him the delegate count was increasing on schedule at this point he had already talked to humphrey church udall wallace and daly by telephone

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udall wallace and daly by telephone he went downstairs to tell reporters what he had learned from his rivals well i might say that all of them uh as a general group indicated their belief that i would be the nominee when carter appeared before his atlanta supporters at 11 15 he knew he was approaching a delegate count of 1250 but it wasn't until 2 15 in the morning after a plane flight to his hometown of plains georgia the jimmy carter knew he had the nomination within his grasp a call from george wallace did it wallace pledging his support and saying he would urge his 170 delegates to vote for carter carter left for bed satisfied he could not be stopped this morning as he left his home there had already been more good news mayor daley had called pledging his support senator henry jackson said he was on carter's side we'll be working with these men with their own delegates as you know senator jackson governor wallace want to make their own announcement but they will be and already are contacting their delegates to encourage them to support me and uh governor wallace says senator jackson will make his own announcement and mayor daley has already started this process as well what uncertainties are well the vote has to be taken at the convention and of course that could be some catastrophe the delegates add up to many more than the and five the carter needs to be nominated one carter advisor said they only need half as many as the number pledged to the candidates who have already released their delegates to carter creditors campaign manager said we think we've got it knocked so all that really remains now is the selection of carter's running mate the

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selection of carter's running mate the vice presidential choice and carter says that no one not even his wife is going to be authorized to speak for him on that subject jimmy carter says that he will not make his choice known until after the convention has opened don oliver nbc news planes georgia tonight here are the figures that count the delegates who will vote at the convention in madison square garden they show carter already has 1098. wallace stevenson and humphrey together hold a total of 323. today they all three withdrew from the race or release their delegates or both if they all move over to carter that'll give him 1421 84 short of what he needs so the chances are he will soon have enough to win on the first ballot in washington this afternoon there was an event of some moment a politician who has been running for president or waiting to run for 24 years had an announcement to make marilyn berger reports hubert humphrey waited until the end even early today he held out he said he was still thinking he went to committee meetings ran to roll call votes made speeches did everything in fact except think about what might have been then late this afternoon hubert humphrey gave up for the last time the primaries are now over and governor carter has a commanding lead he is virtually certain to be our party's nominee i therefore will not authorize any presidential political activity on my behalf and i will do all that i can to help unite our party behind the candidate chosen by the delegates at the convention no questions this time he said he didn't want anyone to be able to say that there were tears marilyn berger nbc news at the capitol it may be jimmy carter's charm or it may

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it may be jimmy carter's charm or it may simply be the cold political reality of his position but whatever the case politicians as different as george wallace and mayor daley were saying nice things about him today here is some of what they said sir can you give us your response to uh jimmy carter's uh wins yesterday and what you're gonna do i said uh that one he would win the yesterday the ball game was over and today in my opinion he's our candidate for uh president of the united states you are not interrupting him mr mayor i said that if i would endorse him and vote for him in new york so why are you breaking from your normal tradition of waiting because the man has assembled such a strong amount of support throughout the country there's no use ahead of 80 now because the delegates will decide themselves if they want to vote that they will support there's no doubt now mr mayor jimmy carter will be the party's nominee not only that there's no doubt a good next question i do feel that the one who has run over this country and received an umbrella popular vote the number of delegate votes that he has received means he is entitled to the nomination by the democrats uh in july and therefore i am respectfully requesting all of those delegates who have pledged to george wallace to cast their ballot on the first ballot for governor carter of georgia and i feel that he will be the nominee on the first ballot in new york in july the only democrat still insisting he will carry on competing with carter for the nomination is governor brown of california he was saying today he would offer the people a choice what he called a new generation of leadership

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leadership congressman udall who never did win a primary but one very wide respect returned to washington and to a somewhat emotional scene charles quinn reports you'd all return to washington today to an unexpected welcome at the airport we fought a good fight we did it with the help of a lot of friends and eleanor very proud and very grateful to you thank you very much date on the democrats and we'll have the republican story in a minute the democratic nomination may be about settle but the republicans certainly is not both ronald reagan and president ford won primaries yesterday and both picked up delegates but their relative positions remained about the same forward ahead but not by all that much it is doubtful it'll be settled without a floor fight at the convention in kansas city in august mr ford is the first president in modern times who has had to fight for his own party's nomination he was talking about it today in a press conference at the white house john cochran reports the president met with his aides shortly after they announced he will start hunting for convention state delegates this friday in missouri only 19 delegates are at stake in missouri but the race is now so close that mr ford decided to campaign personally for them his sales pitch will be simple he will claim that he is the only republican who can win in november i'm electable and i can help to elect

more republican members of the house in speeding jimmy carter are good even though some polls show him running behind carter we have an occasional poll that shows a dip here a dip there but if you take the consensus of the polls

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consensus of the polls i think it proves beyond any doubt that i am electable now that the primaries are over president ford will alter his campaign strategy he will put less emphasis on his charge that reagan if elected to get the country involved in a war ford aides thought that accusation was an effective way to scare rank-and-file voters away from reagan but now mr ford will try to win over party officials and delegates who are not interested in campaign rhetoric but are interested in beating jimmy carter john cochran nbc news the white house ronald reagan was in los angeles yesterday savoring his big vote yesterday in california and he too was talking about his electability kenley jones has that story pick up more delegates in ohio he never expected to get any in new jersey but that did not lessen the enthusiasm for his california victory a win he knew he must have to stay in the race this means now that we go with california here with us the other delegates that we've won in the other primaries on the way and yes it is going to be all the way court of reagan's strategy will be to campaign in at least half of the convention states which have not yet selected delegates he will begin in missouri on friday from now on it'll be a case of of uh delegates and conventions uh probably quizzing you and where you stand and what their interests are and answer their questions and they'll make their decision what are you going to tell them why why are you going to make a better nominee than president ford because i think i have a better chance of winning in november the notion that mr ford would be a loser in november as he was in california where his campaign was closing up shop today will be the central argument that reagan workers will use now as they go after uncommitted delegates and delegates who are committed to president ford but whose support is considered soft an important part of this new phase of the campaign which is shifting away from

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the campaign which is shifting away from telephone banks and voter rallies will be to concentrate on key uncommitted delegates a congressman or mayor perhaps who can influence the votes of others there will be a lot of intense personal campaigning from now until the convention the reagan camp hopes that in the interest of party unity both sides can keep their persuasion friendly kim lee jones nbc news with the reagan campaign in los angeles here the republican delegate figures brought up to the hour to include the results of yesterday's primaries and they show the president with a modest lead over reagan a lead of 92 which is even more striking when it is recalled as late as last fall the president was still hoping reagan wouldn't even want those 160 uncommitted plus others still to be chosen will decide the winner they now will be courted with attention and flattery nice little notes flowers and straw baskets of grapes oranges and bananas john hart has a report on one way this process will work the republicans of virginia had a convention over the weekend and david keane one of ronald reagan's headhunters was there on the edges of the caucuses listening much of the time and finding an uncommitted delegate talking some of the time frankly we think that uh one of the strengths of our man is that he can run a stronger race against jim carter if it is particularly in the south back in washington at the president ford committee the books on uncommitted delegates were being worked volunteers getting personal biographies and convention aspirations you're interested in the platform committee back in norfolk the variety of the uncommitted was plain eliza sprinkle 80 years old faithful party worker is going to her first convention she is truly uncommitted i intend to stay uncommitted until i go

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i intend to stay uncommitted until i go to kansas city [Music] the approach to her will be simple courtesy how can you twist an 80 year old arm the only thing lois kent wants is a winner what it all boils down to is who can win the election in november james crockett is remaining uncommitted because the folks he represents want president ford to appoint a federal judge from their district a judgeship may win some but reagan cannot offer

that so his man david keane deals in subtleties if i were you i'd do the same thing that you're gonna do i'd take a look at it awfully closely the uncommitted delegates are the temporary aristocracy of the republican party the committees having already been counted don't count if you went as a committed delegate my opinion would be you might as well stay home and fish if the weather was good john hart nbc news david brinkley and i will have more on politics and where we stand now later in the program and in a minute california governor jerry brown the lone candidate still challenging jimmy carter for the democratic party's presidential nomination was in louisiana today in search of delegates and he found some louisiana governor edwin edwards endorsed brown and handed over 19 uncommitted delegates but jimmy carter got some more support today too pennsylvania governor milton schaff urged all of his state's 178 convention delegates to support the former georgia governor carter meantime is in his hometown plains georgia resting up after a year and a half of constant campaigning the 683 residents of plains are happy with the political success of their local hero but now they're wondering about what's to come judy woodruff reports on that [Music] plains georgia is 40 miles from the nearest interstate highway there are no motels or restaurants and there is only one gas station but tourists started showing up here a few months ago because this is jimmy

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few months ago because this is jimmy carter's hometown many of them wandered into carter's peanut warehouse where they interrupted business well we had campaign little tour down there and we spent most of our time me and my wife and one man that works for me showing tourists around was there ever a problem there was no problem during the busy season when they were when they wandered on my yard anyway everybody was working and it's hard not to get run over when you don't know what's going on now tourists can go to the local campaign headquarters in a converted train depot one man and his wife drove all the way from california all right so whose i was just swept up is the fascination of it what do you think of planes i think it's grassroots at at the beginning i i think anybody could come out of this area has to have his feet solid on the ground today tourists got to see more than visitors normally do because the carters were in town the man from california snapped a picture of rosalind carter as she was running errands and photographers caught up with carter's son ship no one denies the attention planes is getting is helping business and there are other changes phones are being installed downtown for the tv networks plains residents are happy for carter but cautious about what his success may do to their town the first person to be concerned about over commercialization here was carter himself last year he had the plain city council adopt a strict zoning code to discourage roadside souvenir shops but the town is only one mile wide and no precautions have been taken here in the surrounding county plains is still a long way from being spoiled by success carter's eight-year-old daughter set up a lemonade stand today business wasn't good but this has been an exciting week for amy carter and she didn't seem to mind judy woodruff nbc news claims george have the results of a new nbc news poll of the public's preference for president

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for president on chancellor and david brinkley reporting from the nbc news center in new york good evening senator frank church today suspended his presidential campaign released the delegates he had won in four democratic primaries and urged them all to vote for jimmy carter as the presidential nominee at the same time congressman moe udall who had waged a valiant marathon contest with carter through all of the primaries said he would seek no more delegates and that those he has now are free to vote for carter udall said he has no interest in the vice presidential nomination church has an interest and it was reported that former senator fred harris has told his delegates to support carter all in all unity was breaking out nearly everywhere in the democratic party and in new york the scene of some of the party's most savage battles it was all smiles today as jimmy carter came visiting judy woodruff reports carter interrupted his georgia vacation to make peace in public with one of his opponents maurice udall and to meet with the new york state democratic delegation he met privately with prominent new york democrats including governor hugh carey and former governor avril harriman before receiving their endorsements virtually assured of the nomination anyway carter said it didn't bother him that today's endorsements came so late in the campaign i know that these gentlemen have in many instances and women have been committed to other candidates

and i obviously appreciate those who did help me very strongly at the beginning but i'm looking for a united party carter didn't have to look far minutes later he met with congressman udall who said while he is not withdrawing from the race he recognizes carter will be the nominee i'm going to be guided by three principles one is that i'm not going to be part of any destructive stop bitter end kind of anti-campaign because the name of the nominee is pretty well known at this point

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pretty well known at this point uh secondly i'm not seeking any delegates i'm not going after uncommitted delegates third i'm going to do everything i can see this party wins in november udall did not endorse carter or formally release his delegates but he said they are free to vote for carter if they wish later carter told new york delegates he wants to be sure democrats are united this fall they have been aware and i think we've come out of the election process in the democratic party perhaps has never before without scars i think that our differences have already been healed but carter added that he doesn't want harmony just for the sake of harmony he said he doesn't want to see the democratic party sacrifice its commitment to the principles that have made it strong carter left new york to attend a fundraising dinner in dallas late tonight he returns to georgia to continue his vacation judy woodruff nbc news new york tonight we have the results of a new nbc news poll of the public's preference for president what they show is that in the last two months jimmy carter has made striking gains and now runs ahead of both president ford and ronald reagan in her poll in april president ford was ahead of carter by 47 percent to 40. now a dramatic change carter ahead of ford 52 to 37. in recent elections the republicans have carried the south with carter as the candidate our poll shows him carrying the south 2-1 beating president ford 60 to 30 and beating ronald reagan in the south 61 to 30. if these figures hold until election day it'll mean that ford and reagan are now in a fierce composite competition for the privilege of losing to jimmy carter john we polled republicans across the country not delegates who will go to the

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country not delegates who will go to the republican convention but regular republican voters and we found that with these people the president is in better shape than he is with convention delegates the poll shows that ford has a majority here 55 to reagan's 32 percent yet if ford is not nominated as the presidential candidate our survey shows that a huge percentage of his supporters 45 percent would prefer a democrat jimmy carter the same feelings turn up among reagan supporters if reagan is not nominated 46 of his supporters would also go to jimmy carter which is an indication of a deep split in the republican party gerald ford's advisers were saying today they expect to win the nomination while conceding it will be close but our poll figures show that a lot of republicans may vote democratic this fall no matter who gets the republican nominee the year's presidential primaries are over but the candidates are still looking for delegates especially the republicans after 30 primaries neither gerald ford nor ronald reagan has a lock on the nomination by our account ford has 957 delegates reagan 858 with 161 uncommitted 1130 are needed to nominate so gerald ford and ronald reagan were both scheduled to be in the state of missouri today where 19 republican delegates will be chosen at a state convention tomorrow the president made a 1700 mile round trip to missouri looking for delegates and with him was our man john cochran the roster of missouri officials lined up for the president's arrival was evidence of one big advantage mr ford has here solid support from the republican state establishment reagan has better organization at the local level but governor christopher bond hopes to offset that with scare tactics telling delegates that reagan would be a drag on the party's state and local candidates and bonds produced a poll trying to prove that the president would run the strongest race in the fall i have just had handed to me a statewide

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i have just had handed to me a statewide poll conducted by market opinion research prepared for the president ford committee which indicates that if the election were held today president ford would run 12 percentage points better against a likely democratic nominee jimmy carter would mr reagan president ford

indicated he will try to win not only uncommitted delegates but those who supported reagan is considered soft uh we think all elected delegates to the national convention ought to have an open mind and have an opportunity to listen to all sides the president says he does not think his fight with reagan will divide or weaken the party this fall but the fighting is getting rougher reagan supporters here are angry because ford workers have challenged the credentials of 395 state delegates most of the morganites and we have learned that the president's men are trying to find irregularities in other states so they can file challenges against the seating of reagan delegates at the national convention if that happens reagan's people say they will file counter challenges against ford delegates today a party official who professes neutrality said we need that kind of a dog fight like we need another watergate john cochran nbc news with the ford camp political party platforms are seldom translated into reality and after the elections are seldom even referred to but they are a chance for the party's various elements from left to right to talk and argue and see what they can put on paper that they can more or less agree on the democrats finish today most of the platform they will take to their convention next month for the delegates to approve if they will most of it is cut stitched and tailored to fit jimmy carter a report from catherine macken in washington with jimmy carter's operatives firmly in control the democratic platform committee today

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committee today voted down a proposal to decriminalize marijuana and the statement on rights for homosexuals the committee also toned down language on welfare reform and national health insurance to conform with carter's positions on these issues so while the democrats now are on record as favoring both programs it is less clear how much they will cost or when they will go into effect the committee members decided against a statement on amnesty for vietnam deserters but they did go somewhat beyond carter's position on a simple pardon for vietnam draft evaders mr chairman some people here feel very strongly about amnesty i'm one of them i have not used the word amnesty because some people regard it as a red flag word as a consequence i have avoided it although pardon implies a guilt the only thing most resisters were guilty of was being ahead of their time the committee members voted a full and complete pardon for those in legal or financial jeopardy because of peaceful opposition to the war then after some compromising with the carter people they amended that to say vietnam deserters would be considered on a case-by-case basis democratic chairman robert straus stopped by the platform committee today to say he approved of the platform so far straus said he hopes next month's democratic national convention will be so dull that he'll fall asleep monday night when it opens and wake up for its final session on thursday catherine mackin nbc news washington after a long series of washington scandals about power money and now sex this one's still growing by the hour president ford gave his views on all of this his platform was in norfolk virginia at a meeting of southern baptists which is incidentally jimmy carter's church in the country's largest body of protestants public officials have a special responsibility to set a good example for others to follow in both their private and public conduct

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the american people particularly our young people cannot be expected to take pride or even to participate in a system of government that is defiled and dishonored whether in the white house or in the halls of congress southern baptist is more a name than a geographical description since the members are spread over the country their outgoing president called on the membership today to support a candidate for president of the united states who supports their principles but he mentioned no names not even the name of southern baptist jimmy carter ford rowan has a report on the southern baptists the southern baptist convention believes it has a message for america there are southern baptists all over the country twelve and a half million people the biggest protestant sect in america and growing and its fundamentalist philosophy is spreading one southern baptist jimmy carter has found that his campaign for the white house has been furthered by his faith at a time when more and more people find it hard to believe in anything these people say they have an answer [Music] these baptists say their faith in god has not been shaken but as for their faith in america well they say america is in deep trouble well i think this uh the country is spiritually uh decaying the main thing that's wrong with this country is that they've decided to turn against god our whole

country is taken aback with more frivolity more uh things that really don't have any substance any meaning to them well if more people would trust in god and put him first i think that america would be a lot better we must confess with troubled heart that america has forgotten god she is rolling in luxuries

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god she is rolling in luxuries reveling in excesses relic in pleasure reeling in drunkenness revolting immorals and rotting in sin time is running out something miraculous must happen in the heart and soul of america now before it is too late all america america america prepare to meet by god not all of america is ready for all of this but this kind of old-time religion is growing and spreading in the united states foreign nbc news the democratic nomination may be pretty well settled but the republican is not republican delegates still uncommitted are getting repeated telephone calls letters from the president and from reagan cajolery flattery and very few have changed their minds perhaps because they're enjoying all the attention iowa republicans in a caucus this weekend will choose 36 delegates eagerly sought by both ford and reagan john hart is there to see what happens the convention that's about to begin here is bigger and harder to win than the national convention iowa's 36 delegates will be selected by 3495 states delegates who are being lobbied lured and leaned on by both sides ronald reagan came in this afternoon and started making the rounds of every single district caucus with the eulogy for a retired iowa congressman who was famous for being a penny pincher you are a caucus from the district that

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you are a caucus from the district that gave this country for a great many years hr gross and a lot of us slept a lot better because he was there mrs ford substituting for the president went off to a reception for all the delegates both sides claim they'll win at least two-thirds of the iowa delegation ford may be vulnerable to his own organization here which state committee woman pat bain says hasn't been very good i think it has been very poorly managed i think it has been mismanaged bungled uh obviously run by people who didn't know a great deal about politics tonight there'll be a big chicken dinner here with corn and coleslaw and the only thing missing president ford which disappoints some reagan people who had counted on a personality contest they were confident of winning last time ford and reagan went to the same convention ford lost all but one delegate but with mrs ford sitting in some republicans are satisfied that the white house has set out its best campaigner john hart nbc news tomorrow me carter the national sample of democrats and independents was asked whom would you prefer as the democratic nominee for vice president the largest group 24 percent said senator edward kennedy 19 said california governor jerry brown 10 said congressman mo udall who came in second in the primaries 10 percent said senator frank church the u s congress has composed entirely of men and women who have won elections themselves and so they vastly admire anyone who can win a lot of them like jimmy carter he discovered that today when he went to the capitol to see and talk with the democrats and found they were eager to shake his hand have their pictures taken smiling at him and being smiled at don oliver was there observing all this senators staff aides were falling all over themselves today to see jimmy carter and be seen with him as he moved around capitol hill from one meeting to another

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carter the man who has spent months decrying the evils of washington politics was playing the game to the hilt letting the establishment know that after all he's a politician just as they are he told them that the country is looking for harmony that there will be a close relationship between congress and the white house if he is elected president stay close to me he said i'll try to make you proud of me by his count he met with 250 of the 290 house democrats it was a love feast but close to cameras inside the caucus room the democrats formed a long line then one by one they stepped up to carter most of them addressing him as mr president they smiled grinned and shook hands while staff photographers took their pictures pictures that will now be used in their re-election campaigns everywhere they wondered who his vice presidential choice will be i'll nerd the list down to about five four or five people meet with them individually and at length and then make a

recommendation to the convention after i get the nomination there were several potential vice presidential candidates in the crowd today they said they knew nothing and had not yet been approached about the job i know about this is what i've been seeing on tv carter departed with the endorsement of the senate democratic caucus and a lot of newfound friends don oliver nbc news washington the speaker of the house carl albert was so exuberant he predicted carter would win in a bigger landslide than lyndon johnson in nobody had seen the democrats so happy in years john president ford has and delegates to the republican nominating convention reagan was in mississippi which has thirty very attractive votes still uncommitted kelly jones is traveling with the reagan campaign and here are some of the things he's heard well it's close

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he's heard well it's close i i ca that's about all i can say it's so close that our very votes might make the difference billy munger is the state coordinator for the reagan campaign in mississippi he's been on the phone the past week laying plans for reagan's visit today particularly across town the ford campaign coordinator doug shanks has also been on the phone trying to get the president to come to mississippi thank you the president were able to visit mississippi and did visit mississippi that he possibly could have the majority of the delegates in mississippi in his column when he goes to the national convention the mississippi delegation will have 30 votes at the national convention one of the largest blocks of officially uncommitted delegates still left since the delegation operates under the unit rule whichever candidate gets the majority of the delegate votes will get them all that's why mississippi is so important uh i'm pretty near truly uncommitted i have been leaning toward reagan but i don't expect to make up my mind finally until we arrive in kansas city i'm leaning toward president ford at the moment but uh the conventions wish that we stay uncommitted so i'll be on uncommitted until kansas city convention reagan came to mississippi this afternoon to meet with delegates and alternates in an attempt to convince them he is more electable than president ford at this point reagan is believed to be ahead of mr ford here and if he can maintain that lead would get all the votes under the unit rule but there are rumblings of a fight over the unit rule within the delegation and this afternoon ford supporters here said they have assurance from the white house that if the president can't come to mississippi to meet with the delegates he will bring the delegates to washington to meet with them there kim lee jones nbc news jackson mississippi to meet with them there kim lee jones nbc news jackson mississippi since it is widely agreed now that jimmy carter has the democratic nomination in a suitcase

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democratic nomination in a suitcase it is interesting to see the results of three different polls taken separately within about a week of each other by nbc news the gallup poll and the harris poll all three show carter now with a lead over president ford ours gives him 15 percentage points gallup 14 and harris 13. over reagan all three polls give carter a lead now of 23 percentage points john ronald reagan are still fighting for one delegate here and one delegate there according those still uncommitted with attention and flattery and with a republican convention only about six weeks away here's how nbc news figures their delegate count forward with 1034 or 96 short of enough to nominate him reagan with 987 or 143 short of enough to a nominate him delegates remain uncommitted and they can count on a lot of her has more than enough delegates even his rivals admit he has run a brilliant political campaign skillful and effective tonight in our special an extended look at the people who helped him do it his staff looking around carter's back room is don oliver when jimmy first ran for president it was a it was not an easy thing to go around this country in january of 75 and tell people you're working for jimmy carter a lot of people were were barely polite some people were laughing your face as president i would do the best i could to work with your governor and with others by all accounts jimmy carter is not an easy man to work for he is demanding stubborn impatient he can be caustic and intolerant of mistakes yet all of his top campaign aides have been with him for years they are fiercely loyal and dedicated to the proposition that jimmy carter should be president of the united states hamilton jordan fraternity's call it's

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hamilton jordan fraternity's call it's spelled jordan he pronounces it jordan hamilton jordan carter's campaign manager literally bound to his atlanta desk by the court of the telephone casual flippant a coke-drinking craftsman who authored the carter master plan for the presidency three and a half years ago a native georgian only 31 he's been with carter for 10 years jordan says his differences with the candidate are sometimes aired strongly and sharply he likes that open relationship and he likes the intrigue and manipulation of a presidential campaign a few blocks from the carter headquarters there's a small advertising agency run by jury raph shoon you know i'd probably want to uh show jimmy what we're doing it was rafe who devised the advertising strategy to sell jimmy carter as a somewhat rustic washington outsider it was raphshune who worked with carter to improve his television performance who coached carter to stop mumbling when he gave a speech raphshune is an adoptive georgian he's 43. he's been involved in all of carter's campaign since 1966 as advertising director and advisor like most advertising men raphshune is glib involved more in imagery than substance but raphson denies he sells jimmy carter as he would sell deodorant or dog food theirs he says is more than a business arrangement i do believe i believe that what he has to offer right now is sorely needed by the country i believe that he is a man of competence and of uh integrity and that's needed there has been a personal relationship that he has with not only me but other members of his staff close members of the staff that transcends any of your own ambition judy powell is carter's press secretary but he is more than that he is a confidant the only adviser who travels constantly with the candidate powell is 32. he wanted to be a flyer

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powell is 32. he wanted to be a flyer but was expelled from the air force academy for cheating on an exam he started as a volunteer in 1969 became carter's traveling aid gained the governor's confidence and emerged as press secretary powell's hometown is 25 miles from carter's he is protective of his boss quick to criticize reporters who are critical of carter he has endured a grueling schedule not because he is a crusader not out of any real ideological commitment for both powell and jordan it is the challenge of having influence in something that may make history there's a certain amount of personal pride and wanting to be a part of something that makes an impact hopefully for good it's personally challenging to be in something as enormous as a presidential campaign i've got a family i've what i have gotten out of this in terms of personal sex satisfaction in many ways has been at their expense and i'm not sure i'm prepared to ask them to continue to pay that price for four years or eight years down the road if jimmy is successful and being elected president uh for two terms i would not plan to be in washington for more than a couple of years if he said uh i want you to do this and and i felt like you really meant it really needed me to do it i'd like to probably do it and apologize to my wife and my daughter and that sort too much of an opportunity to turn down for for some period of time too much of an opportunity to turn down the opportunity to show that a close-knit group of georgians that have already influenced the nation's political process and go on to influence the direction of the country and perhaps the course of

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the country and perhaps the course of world events carter's cracker mafia not a dreamer among them practical pragmatic men involved in a game of power a game where a winning for them may be the end in itself don oliver nbc news atlanta indigestion alone and alka seltzer gold [Music] senator barry goldwater made what he said was the hardest decision of his life he endorsed president ford for the republican nomination he likes reagan quite a lot he said and both of them are about equally conservative but he endorsed ford because he is already in will not have to spend months reorganizing the government and because he is proved in goldwater's view that he can deal with a democratic congress that has seriously damaged the american concept of government marilyn berger in washington has more details here at the white house all the motions suggested it was business as usual president ford signed bills made appointments and greeted a foreign visitor the prime minister of japan but this was a president who had just received some good news late yesterday he got word that goldwater was endorsing him for the republican nomination goldwater called it the most difficult decision he'd ever made in a letter to republican delegates goldwater wrote my decision rests solely on the fact that at this time in our history i do not believe that our

government can suffer through months and months of reorganization that would be necessary if we had a change in office the republican party goldwater wrote shouldn't risk it all now over a hair splitting debate within the party about which of two genuine and bona fide conservative candidates is the more conservative rogers morton president ford's campaign chairman said he believed the goldwater endorsement would have a profound effect on many convention delegates he hopes to have a majority by the time they get to kansas city we will have from the conventions and the primaries about

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the primaries about i think somewhere in the neighborhood of 1120 and i would think that between now and the middle of august we certainly would gain more than 10 or 12 required president ford's white house and campaign advisors have been predicting victory all along still the sense here is that the goldwater letter could make an important difference at the republican convention still the endorsement could cut two ways when it comes to election time by calling the philosophies of reagan and ford almost identical goldwater could scare off liberal republicans forcing them into the democratic column marilyn berger nbc news at the white house your worries now about being nominated and so has turned his attention to the second absolute necessity of american politics money he's been around at dinners and lunches where guests paid up to a thousand dollars for a little chicken and peas or ham and raisin sauce and a speech this afternoon he was in washington to pay a social and political call on the afl-cio's george meaney don oliver has been around this track with carter and here's what he says these people paid one thousand dollars each to shake jimmy carter's hand and to have lunch with him in philadelphia fifty thousand dollars raised at this one luncheon by friday carter expects to have raised enough money to pay off a one and one half million dollar primary campaign debt and to have four hundred thousand dollars for the convention the fundraisers have also served another purpose bringing political enemies together mayor flaherty of pittsburgh was never close with mayor rizzo of philadelphia nora was former senator joseph clark carter gathered them together but carter is having trouble with one man he would very much like to have in his camp he went to washington today to meet with george meaney president of the afl-cio carter's staff had hoped meanie would pose for pictures but carter emerged alone meanie had said the picture would be tantamount to an endorsement of carter

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endorsement of carter that's an endorsement meanie is not willing to give it was a very good very continual conversation i discussed uh with mr minnie this election as a vice president as i have with uh 35 or 40 other people that received his ideas on the subject i didn't make any statement on my own initiative about whom i was considering to be my choice carter went on to another fundraiser still hoping for mini's endorsement another day don oliver nbc news washington it wasn't all politics in washington the senate voted against eliminating

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